

# CITY'S BUDGET FOR 1915

## WILL CARRY \$3,750,000

Finance Committee to Begin Soon as Tentative Draft of New Appropriation Ordinance.

ROLLING STOCK LOSS, \$130,000

Unless Courts Set Aside Act of 1914, City's Income From This Source Will Be Reduced From \$155,000 to Not More Than \$25,000.

Richmond will have available for the 1915 budget approximately \$3,750,000, an increase of about \$250,000 over the amount that was found available for the budget of 1914. The estimate was made last night by City Auditor Crenshaw on the basis of incomplete returns from the several tax sources which make up the city's revenue.

The annexed territory will pay into the City Treasury approximately \$225,000 in the form of licenses and taxes on real and personal property. While this amount will increase the aggregate of the 1915 budget, it will be more than offset this year by the increased fixed charge that the city will have to meet as the result of annexation. Counting the cost of maintaining the schools in the newly added territory, Mr. Crenshaw thought, the appropriations for the new area will be considerably in excess of the estimated \$225,000 revenue.

With the Christmas holidays out of the way, the Finance Committee will address itself in earnest to the big task of drafting the budget ordinance—a measure that carries appropriations aggregating half the amount of money the Legislature appropriates for the annual expenses of the State.

BOARD ISSUES CALL.

The Administrative Board last night instructed all departments under its direction to prepare and file with the board an estimate of the 1915 needs of the city. All of the estimates, it is expected, will be in the hands of the board before the end of this week. Mr. Crenshaw said last night that he expected to have in hand the estimates of the city departments by next Saturday.

The Finance Committee will meet shortly after the filing of the complete estimates to draft a tentative budget ordinance, which will be submitted to the Common Council at its regular meeting next month. A copy of the tentative ordinance will be submitted at the same time to the Administrative Board.

The \$250,000 estimated increase in the amount available for the new budget is accounted for largely by a more complete assessment of personal property, the income from the new realty, and general increases in the receipts from licenses and kindred sources of income. In view of the fact that the new rolling stock law will reduce the city's income from this tax source from \$155,000 to not more than \$25,000, the increase in the city's income is regarded as more than satisfactory.

ROLLING STOCK LAW

TAKES AWAY \$130,000

While the rolling stock law was not available for the budget of 1914, it became available later in the year when the courts declared the act of 1912 unconstitutional. Special appropriations during the past year absorbed the sum that was released to the City Treasury as the result of this decision. Under the rolling stock act of 1914, the city's income from this source is still further diminished, and unless the law, which has again been attacked in the courts, is set aside, it will scarcely exceed \$25,000.

The excess of expenditure over income as regards the annexed territory was expected. This situation, it is believed, will prevail for the next two or three years, until the improvements installed in the new territory by the city and the development of territory at present unoccupied, will make up the deficit. No part of the \$534,000 bond issue that will shortly be available for expenditure in the new territory can, under the annexation laws, be applied to any but permanent improvements.

EXPECT BIG INCREASE

IN SOUTH RICHMOND

Large increases in the city's income from real estate taxes are expected with the completion of the new reassessment. The increase will be particularly marked in South Richmond, which is expected to return approximately double its present aggregate assessments. Property values have risen steadily in the Southside since the consolidation of 1910, largely as the result of the extension of city utilities. The Southside has also enjoyed extensive suburban development.

Marked increases in assessments are expected from the several newly annexed suburbs. The 1910 assessment was made under the direction of the county authorities at a rate considerably lower than the Richmond ratio, and at a time when the suburbs were only partially developed. In the five years that have elapsed since the last assessment, the northern and western suburbs that have recently become a part of the city, have undergone extensive developments. This is true particularly of Ginter Park, Highland Park and North Richmond.

CRENSHAW ESTIMATES

It is the belief of City Auditor Crenshaw that the reassessment as of February 1, 1915, will show an increase of between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000 over the present assessment. At the \$1.40 municipal tax rate, this would mean an additional \$210,000 for the budget of 1915.

The estimate of Chairman Gilbert J. Hunt, of the newly-appointed board of assessors, is still more liberal. It is the belief of Mr. Hunt that the new assessment will show an increase of at least \$25,000,000 over the old. The board of assessors will hold a preliminary meeting shortly preparatory to beginning active work on the new assessment next month. Mr. Hunt is serving his third successive term as a member of the board, and is regarded as an authority on Richmond realty values. The other members of the board of assessors are W. E. Purcell, Jr., and John Sloan.

MINSTREL VISITS HOME

Denny O'Neil Will Spend Day Here, Rejoining Company To-Morrow.

Dennis O'Neil, the local boy who has made a decided hit this season with the A. G. Fields minstrel troupe, will be in town to-day on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. O'Neil, 2508 Hanover Avenue. He arrived in this city late last night and will leave to-night for the Middle West to rejoin the company. Denny, as he is known locally, made quite a name for himself here first as a soloist, and later as a dancer at the Colonial Theatre. After several adventures in the professional field, he landed a berth with A. G. Fields, and played this city recently under the name of Denny Ryan, doing a tango dance as the female end of a blackface team. His work in this role has been highly successful, and since his visit here he has been billed by Mr. Fields under his own name.

Young O'Neil was given a short holiday by Mr. Fields in order that he could visit his parents. He will miss the performances to-night, but will rejoin the troupe to-morrow in Ohio in time to perform.

# Noted Minister Dies



REV. R. J. WILLINGHAM, D. D.

## R. J. WILLINGHAM DIES OF APOPLEXY

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missaries. The number of native converts increased from 2,225 to more than 30,000 at the present time.

HAD RECENTLY RECOVERED FROM ILLNESS

A little more than a year ago Dr. Willingham was stricken with a serious illness, from which he had seemingly almost recovered during recent weeks. He was hoping that before very long he would be able to get back into the work of visiting the churches and various meetings, as he had done in other years. It was a great sorrow to him during the meetings of the various Baptist State Conventions this fall that he did not feel able to attend any of them. He loved his work, and was always kind of an opportunity to mingle with his coworkers.

He is survived by his wife, Cornelia Bacon Willingham; five sons, Robert J. Willingham, Jr., of this city; Rev. Calder T. Willingham, of Kokoro, Japan; Dr. Benjamin J. Willingham, of Washington, N. C.; Harris E. Willingham, of DeWitt, Ga.; and Edward Willingham of this city. He leaves four daughters, Mrs. J. W. Dowson, of Waco, Texas; Mrs. R. H. Ferrell, of Albany, Ga.; Mrs. T. Justin Moore and Miss Elizabeth Willingham, of this city. The funeral will take place from the Second Baptist Church, of which he was a regular attendant, tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The interment will be made in Hollywood Cemetery.

## ITALIANS SEEK TO HONOR MEMORY OF OBERDANK

Police Have Difficulty in Preventing Riotous Demonstrations at Celebrations.

ROME, December 20 (12:55 P. M.).—The police of various Italian cities had difficulty to-day in preventing riotous demonstrations at celebrations of the anniversary of the execution of Oberdank for concoction of a plot to assassinate Emperor Francis Joseph in 1882. During last night, in violation of orders of authorities, the streets were placarded with posters eulogizing Oberdank. Leaflets also were distributed, some of them with mourning borders, bearing the inscription, "Remember the sacrifice of Oberdank." The republican deputy, Cola Anni, was loudly applauded when he delivered a speech reciting the history of the "Tristan Martyr" and ideals, and declaring that it was necessary soon to realize them. The demonstration reached its climax when Ricotti Garibaldi, son of the famous Italian patriot, arose, and leaning on his crutches, said:

"A voice still is ringing from Caprera Island, where my father is buried. It asks, for facts, not words from the committee promoting the enlistment of volunteers."

As Garibaldi ceased, there was a tremendous outburst of applause and cries of "Long live Italy!" "Long live Trent!" and "Long live Trieste!" Several crowds of demonstrators tried to invade the centre of the city, but were prevented from doing so by the police and troops.

This afternoon a republican association held a procession, and later unveiled a marble tablet in the Republican Club, in honor of Oberdank.

Heathsville Weddings.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) HEATHSVILLE, Va., December 19.—Invitations have been issued by Mrs. Jane McNeal, of Lake, Northumberland County, to the marriage of her daughter, Miss Amy Jane, to Thomas Holland Hughes, of Lewinsville. The ceremony will take place at the home of the bride on December 22.

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# TO DISPLAY DESIGNS IN MANUFACTURERS' EXHIBIT

Building Inspector Butler Will Remove Architects' Drawings From City Hall To-Day.

PRIZE-MONEY ORDINANCE UP

Finance Committee to Pass To-Morrow Night on Resolution Appropriating \$1,750 to Pay Winners in Recently-Closed Competition.

Building Inspector Butler will to-day transfer from the City Hall to the Manufacturers' Exhibit in the Chamber of Commerce Building the twelve sets of designs submitted in the recently-closed municipal building competition. Director Horace F. Smith has cleared a space for the drawings on the fourth floor.

The designs will not be exhibited to the public until to-morrow. The front elevation drawing of each set of designs will be mounted on an easel to facilitate inspection, and around each easel will be hung the other drawings showing floor plans and sections. There will be no admittance charge.

Since the first prize of the competition was awarded to Colonel A. Johnston, on December 4, there has been a general public demand for an exhibition of all the designs. The rival architects themselves have been awaiting the exhibit with keen interest. There will be on file with the exhibit a copy of the Advisory Architect's building committee in making its awards. The drawings will be labeled with the names of their authors.

DESIGNS TO BE

ON DISPLAY TEN DAYS

The designs will remain on exhibition ten days. Under the terms of the program the city's control over the competitive designs ends thirty days after the final award—in this case on January 2. On that day the competing architects will receive their designs from Building Inspector Butler, who will take a receipt attesting their proper return. Only the three prize-winning designs will be retained by the city.

The Council Committee on Finance, among other things on its crowded docket, will take up to-morrow night the consideration of the resolution appropriating \$1,750 for the payment of the three prizes that were awarded by the municipal building committee to the architects which, in its opinion, submitted the first, second and third best designs.

## RIMMON LODGE OFFICERS

Final With Holds Annual Election and Appoints Norfolk Delegates.

Rimmon Lodge, No. 65, Independent Order Final With, at its annual election of officers last night, named the following to serve the ensuing twelve months:

Alvin B. Hutzler, president; J. Leo Levy, vice-president; David W. Mayer, secretary; Joseph L. Levy, treasurer; S. S. Rosendorf, monitor; Simon Bowman, assistant monitor; M. H. Whitehill, warden, and M. R. Greenspan, guardian. Moses May and Charles Hutzler were elected trustees.

The following were elected delegates to the district grand lodge, which will be held in Norfolk next March: H. S. Bloomberg, Dr. E. N. Calisch, Joseph Levy, Edwin L. Levy, M. E. Marcus and H. T. Ezekiel.

The Independent Order of Final With is the foremost Jewish fraternal order in the world, with lodges in practically every civilized country. Its activities are exclusively charitable. The order maintains a number of orphan asylums and contributes to the upkeep of numerous hospitals. It is taking a prominent part in relieving the distress brought about by the European war.

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# EMERGENCY FORCE WILL GET EMPLOYMENT TO-DAY

Administrative Board Departments Expected to Put 250 to Work Immediately.

STREET CLEANING POPULAR

Superintendent Cohn Deluged With Applications From Unemployed, Who Prefer Work in His Department—337 Applicants Assigned.

The Administrative Board, through the heads of the departments under its direction, will begin to-day to assign a small army of unemployed men to the special improvement work provided for in the \$125,000 appropriation ordinance. The measure became law with the Mayor's signature Saturday, too late for the beginning of work last week.

Applications from 337 men were apporportioned by the board Saturday afternoon to the several departments under its direction. The assignments become effective to-day. The men will report to the head of the department to which they have been detailed and will be put to work by him as fast as the installation of the necessary new equipment will permit.

STREET CLEANING

WILL ABSORB 150

The Street Cleaning Department will absorb about 150 of the unemployed army. These, it is expected, will receive employment promptly, many of them the first day. It appears that the request for work in this department are much more numerous than applications for work in any other department under the board's control. Several hundred applications for employment, it is believed, have reached the office of Superintendent Henry J. Cohn.

It is believed that the several departments will put at least 250 men to work to-day. The largest number will be assigned to the Street Cleaning Department. The Gas, Water and Electrical Department will provide work for between fifty and sixty. The various parks and cemeteries, and a special tree planting squad, will absorb the remainder of those who will receive immediate employment.

ADDITIONAL APPLICANTS

ARE EXPECTED TO-DAY

Additional applicants for work are expected to-day in large numbers. These will be assigned to the several departments as soon as they are received and will be employed in the order in which they were filed, as soon as openings occur. It is believed that when the emergency force attains its maximum it will number between 400 and 500 men.

The emergency appropriation is expected to relieve to a marked degree the present strained condition resulting from a protracted suspension of work in many trades and industries. It will assure to several hundred able-bodied men a fair wage for next two or three months, tiding them over the worst part of the winter. With the return of spring the stringency that is now felt, it is expected, will in large measure disappear.

Emergency measures similar to the one just passed by the Richmond City Council, have been enacted by many other cities in the country. In practically every centre of industry the problem of the unemployed has come sharply to the front, and in practically all of them remedial measures of some description have been taken by the municipal authorities.

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In the present instance the money appropriated by the Jones ordinance will be little more than an advance on the appropriations that will be carried in the new budget. Chairman Barton H. Grundy, of the Finance Committee, in reporting the ordinance for passage, told the Council that the committee will look upon the \$125,000 appropriation as an advance to the several departments on their budget accounts and treat it as such when it takes up the task of drafting the annual appropriation ordinance.

While no obligation to give permanent employment to an extra force, rests upon the city, it is commonly conceded that a large proportion of those who will go on the city's payroll this week will remain on the roll permanently. The increases in the outdoor force that would have been authorized under the new budget to take care of enlarged needs brought about by annexation and normal growth, will naturally be drafted from the emergency force.

# REACH LIMIT IN BUILDING COLOSSAL GUNS FOR NAVY

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twelve-inch gun was of a new type, and it could not be used in proper proportions in a thirteen-inch gun nor in a fourteen-inch gun, nor in a gun of a higher calibre. If we do use it in a higher calibre it must be with reference to the tensile power of steel, and, therefore, it must be used in reduced quantities and, therefore, with reduced effect.

"We know positively, from our reports abroad, that the British admiralty and the German admiralty have studied high power guns from the same viewpoint that we have, and have adopted fifteen-inch naval rifles as the limit of constructive value. They also have taken into consideration the gigantic power of sudden explosion against the known resistance of steel, and they have been obliged to stop, but they are still one-inch in calibre superior to us, because we have come to the conclusion absolutely that our fourteen-inch gun is the best in the world.

"No mention has been made, of course, in any official report of the secret test at Indian Head of the sixteen-inch gun, which the former administration thought would have broken the world records. The fact is, according to our information from inside sources, that it has been decided that this gun is not more effective than the fourteen-inch, which the former administration approved for the super Dreadnought. We agree with the opinion that there must be a new metal or a new powder. We are certain now of this, that a new powder, which we know of theoretically, would be just as effective behind a shell in a ten-inch gun as all the powder we could safely cram into the powder chamber of a sixteen-inch gun.

Army experts, with whom these opinions and decisions were referred to-night, decline to make any comment on them. The fact has been published that the War Department is to build a sixteen-inch army rifle for which the plans and specifications have been drawn by Brigadier-General William A. Crozier of the special board recently appointed by Secretary of War Garrison. Upon the tests of this gun will naturally depend what the special board will have to say. The plans for the sixteen-inch navy gun, and for the army sixteen-inch gun, it is said by one of the army experts, differ very materially.

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